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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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TAGS: ENRG, XB

SUBJECT: JAMES R. WHETSTONE'S TRAVEL

1. JAMES R. WHETSTONE A PHYSICIST AT THE NATIONAL BUREAU  
OF STANDARDS, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IS TRAVELLING ON  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS WITH THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

DULLES TO LONDON, U.K. SEPT 29, 1974

LONDON TO LAGOS, NIGERIA OCT. 2

LAGOS TO DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA OCT. 5

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DHAHRAN TO SHIRAZ, IRAN OCT.9

SHIRAZ TO PAKANBARU, INDONESIA OCT. 16  
PAKANBARU TO SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA  
(VIA SINGAPORE IN AND OUT OF INDONESIA) OCT. 20  
SYDNEY TO HONOLULU OCT. 24  
HONOLULU TO DULLES OCT. 26

2. PURPOSE:

THE UNITED KINGDOM, NIGERIA, SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN,  
AND INDONESIA ARE BEING VISITED TO OBTAIN 2 QUART SAMPLES OF  
CRUDE PETROLEUM FROM SELECTED OIL FIELDS IN EACH COUNTRY.  
THIS WORK IS PART OF THE NBS/AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE  
PHYSICAL PROPERTY REAFFIRMATION PROGRAM. THESE SAMPLES  
CONSTITUTE THE FIRST SUBSAMPLE FOR THIS PROJECT.  
DR. WHETSTONE IS COLLECTING THESE SAMPLES PERSONALLY TO  
MEET A DEADLINE SET BY API AND DISCUSS WITH RESPONSIBLE  
OFFICIALS THE SAMPLING PROCEDURES. THE VISIT TO AUSTRALIA  
IS TO CONSULT WITH DR. G.A. BELL AND OTHERS AT THE  
COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH  
ORGANIZATION (CSIRO) ON INTERNATIONAL WATER DENSITY  
AGREEMENTS AND ON IODINE STABILIZED LASERS.

3. AIRLINE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND ALL FORESEEABLE  
ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR WHETSTONE BY API AND  
ASSOCIATED COMPANIES. AMEMBASSIES AND CONSULATE AT MEDAN WILL  
BE REQUESTED FOR HELP ONLY IN CASE OF UNEXPECTED  
DIFFICULTIES ESPECIALLY WITH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN  
REGARD TO OIL SAMPLES. PLEASE CABLE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL AND  
CONTACT TELEPHONE. WHETSTONE MAY PERHAPS REQUEST CASHING OF  
CHECKS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED. NBS APOLOGIZES FOR  
SHORT NOTICE IMPOSED BY CIRCUMSTANCES.  
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